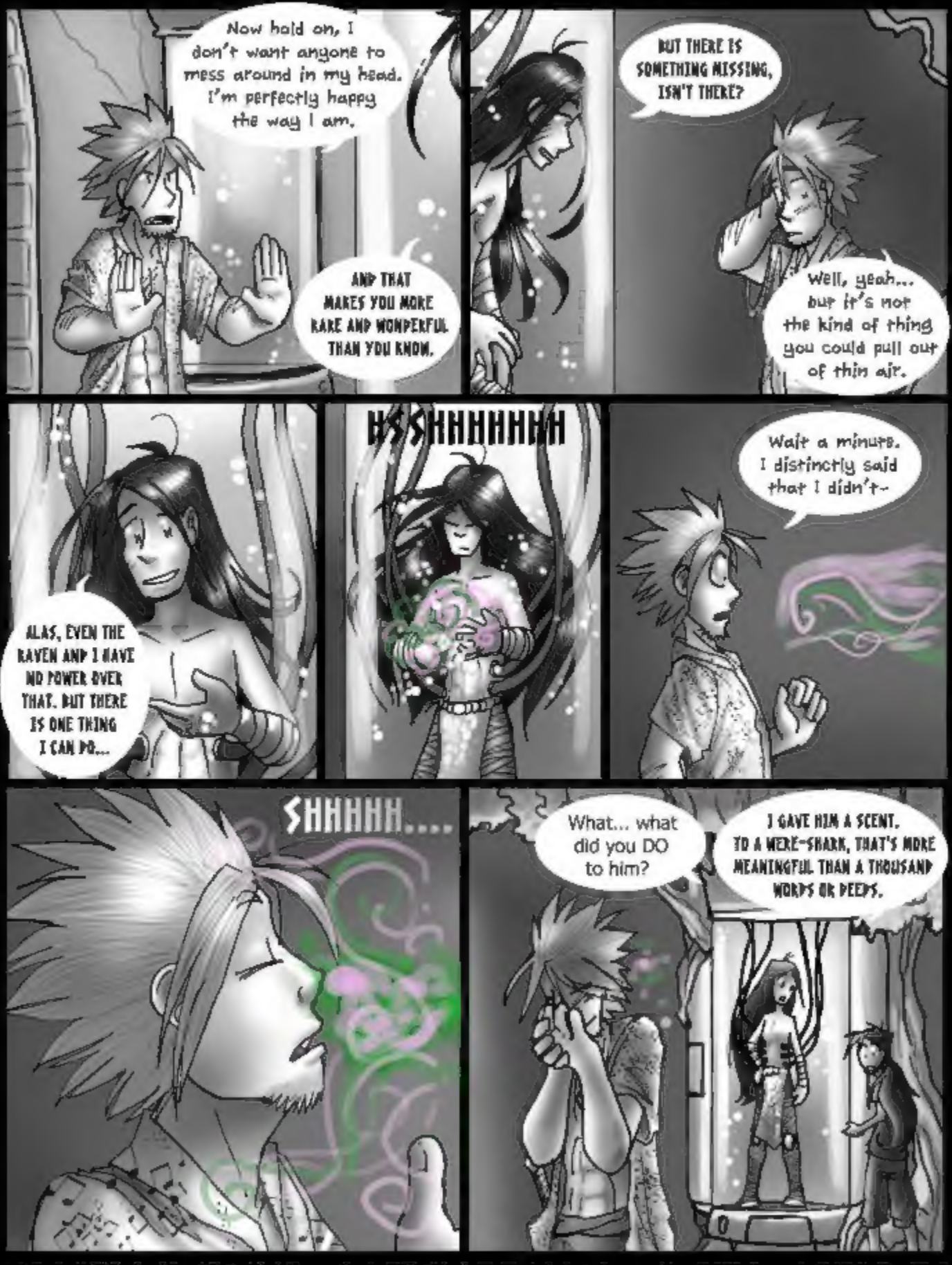
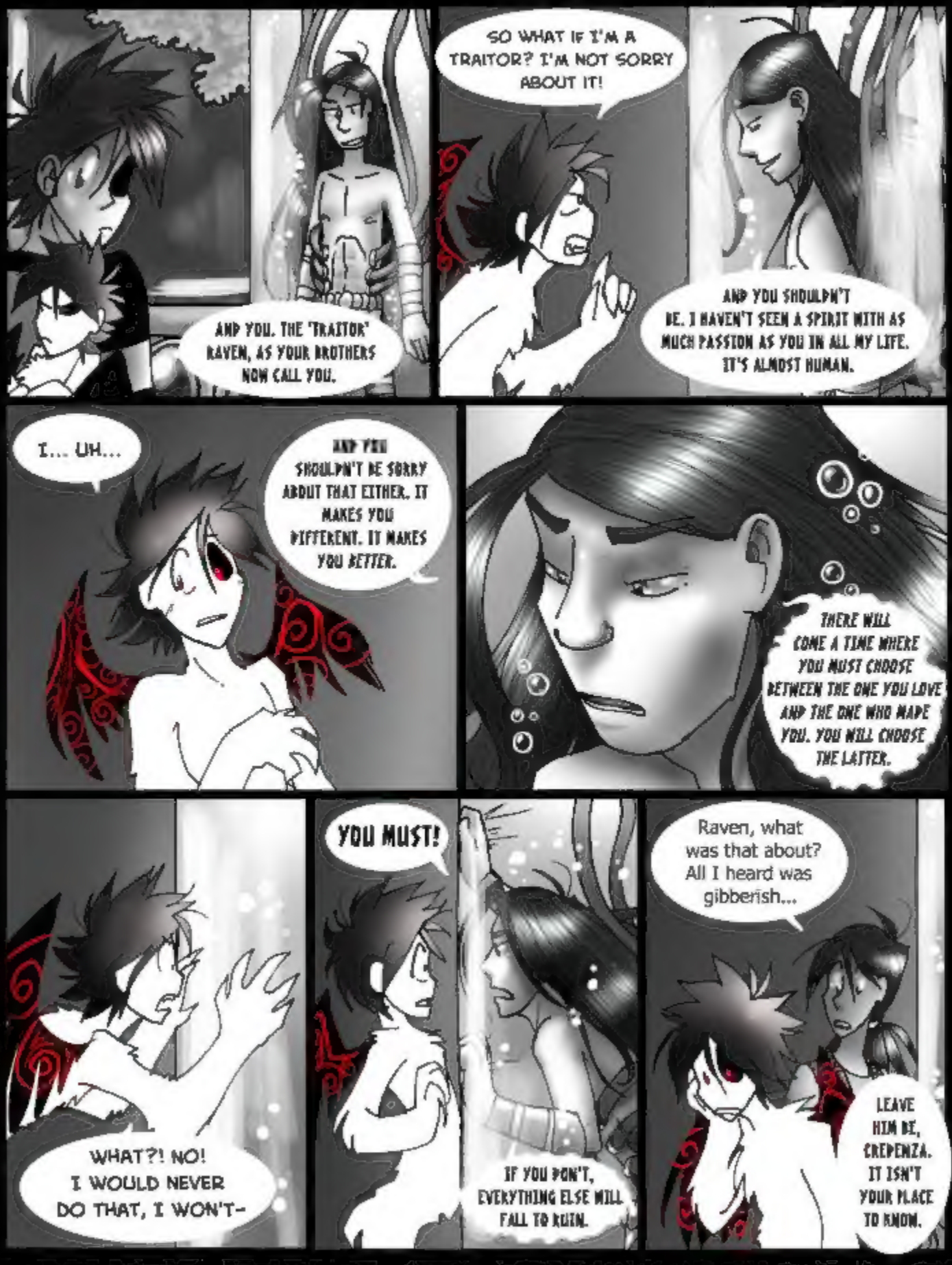
I FAILED TO DEFEAT THE RAVEN BECAUSE, DESPITE EVERYTHING, I HOPED THERE WAS STILL GOOD IN HIM.
Snap!
WE WERE CREATED LONG AGO AS TWO SEPARATE PARTS OF A WHOLE; LIFE AND DEATH, CREATION AND ENTROPY.
WE WERE MEANT TO PRESERVE BALANCE. I THOUGHT IF I SPARED HIS LIFE HE MIGHT REMEMBER THAT PURPOSE.
BUT MY MERCY ONLY MADE HIM MORE BITTER. HE HAS HAD ONE THOUSAND YEARS TO DWELL ON HIS HATE FOR ME.
THE RAVEN USES HIS POWER TO TWIST HUMAN HEARTS TO HIS OWN PURPOSE.
POWER MEANT TO GUIDE THE SOULS OF MEN IS NOW BEING USED FOR EVIL. AND I CAN NOT FIGHT HIM.
IT HAS BEEN TOO LONG. MY BODY IS YOUNG BUT MY SOUL HAS AGED. MY MAGIC HAS DIMINISHED. I AM WEAK.
WHAT LITTLE POWER I HAVE LEFT, I CAN ONLY USE TO HELP YOU AND HOPE IT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

YOU, KEEPER OF THE BOOK. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
TUFF SIR.
COME HERE, TUFF.
I DON'T REALLY WANT ANYTHING...
OH, BUT YOU DO. THE POWERS RAVEN USES TO TURN MEN TO HIS OWN AGENDA, I CAN USE TO STRENGTHEN YOU.
YOUR HEART IS LIKE A WATCH WOUND TOO TIGHT. IF YOU CONTINUE LIKE THIS, YOU WILL MOST CERTAINLY BREAK.
WHAT DO YOU KEEP SO DESPERATELY INSIDE YOURSELF, TUFF?
THERE ARE SOME THINGS INSIDE ME THAT I'D RATHER KEEP HIDDEN, THANK YOU.
THAT WOULD EXPLAIN IT. MUCH TOO TIGHTLY WOUND. I CAN CERTAINLY FIX THAT.
SNAP!
ZOP!
WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT?! I SAID I DIDN'T WANT ANYTHING!
SOMETIMES, WHAT YOU WANT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH WHAT YOU NEED.
NOT SO IN THE CASE OF YOUR TWIN.


Now hold on, I don't want anyone to mess around in my head. I'm perfectly happy the way I am.
AND THAT MAKES YOU MORE RARE AND WONDERFUL THAN YOU KNOW.
BUT THERE IS SOMETHING MISSING, ISN'T THERE?
Well, yeah... but it's not the kind of thing you could pull out of thin air.
ALAS, EVEN THE RAVEN AND I HAVE NO POWER OVER THAT. BUT THERE IS ONE THING I CAN DO...
HSSSHHHHHHH
Wait a minute. I distinctly said that I didn't-
SHHHHH....
What... what did you DO to him?
I GAVE HIM A SCENT. TO A WERE-SHARK, THAT'S MORE MEANINGFUL THAN A THOUSAND WORDS OR PEEPS.

DO YOU HAVE ANY-THING IN THE BAG FOR ME MR.WIZARD?
PERHAPS... WHAT DO YOU WANT?
COULD YOU... YOU KNOW.
I AM SORRY, BUT YOUR MIND IS TOO BROKEN FOR ME TO FIX.
I DON'T THINK YOU WOULD THANK ME FOR IT, EVEN IF I COULD.
HEY, I KNOW! YOU COULD MAKE ME HELPFUL!
HELPFUL? WHAT KIND OF A GIFT IS THAT?
WELL, I'M ALWAYS GETTING IN THE WAY, I CAN'T HELP IT.
SO I'LL MAKE A WISH SO THAT I CAN BE HELPFUL AND YOU WON'T GET MAD AT ME ANYMORE.
SUCH A STRANGE WISH... BUT I THINK I CAN GIVE YOU SOMETHING.
I GIVE YOU THE GHOST OF A MEMORY, A TINY PIECE OF THE MAN YOU ONCE WERE.
IT WILL BE A GUIDE TO YOU IN THE DARKNESS. LET YOUR HEART REMEMBER WHAT YOUR MIND FORGOT.

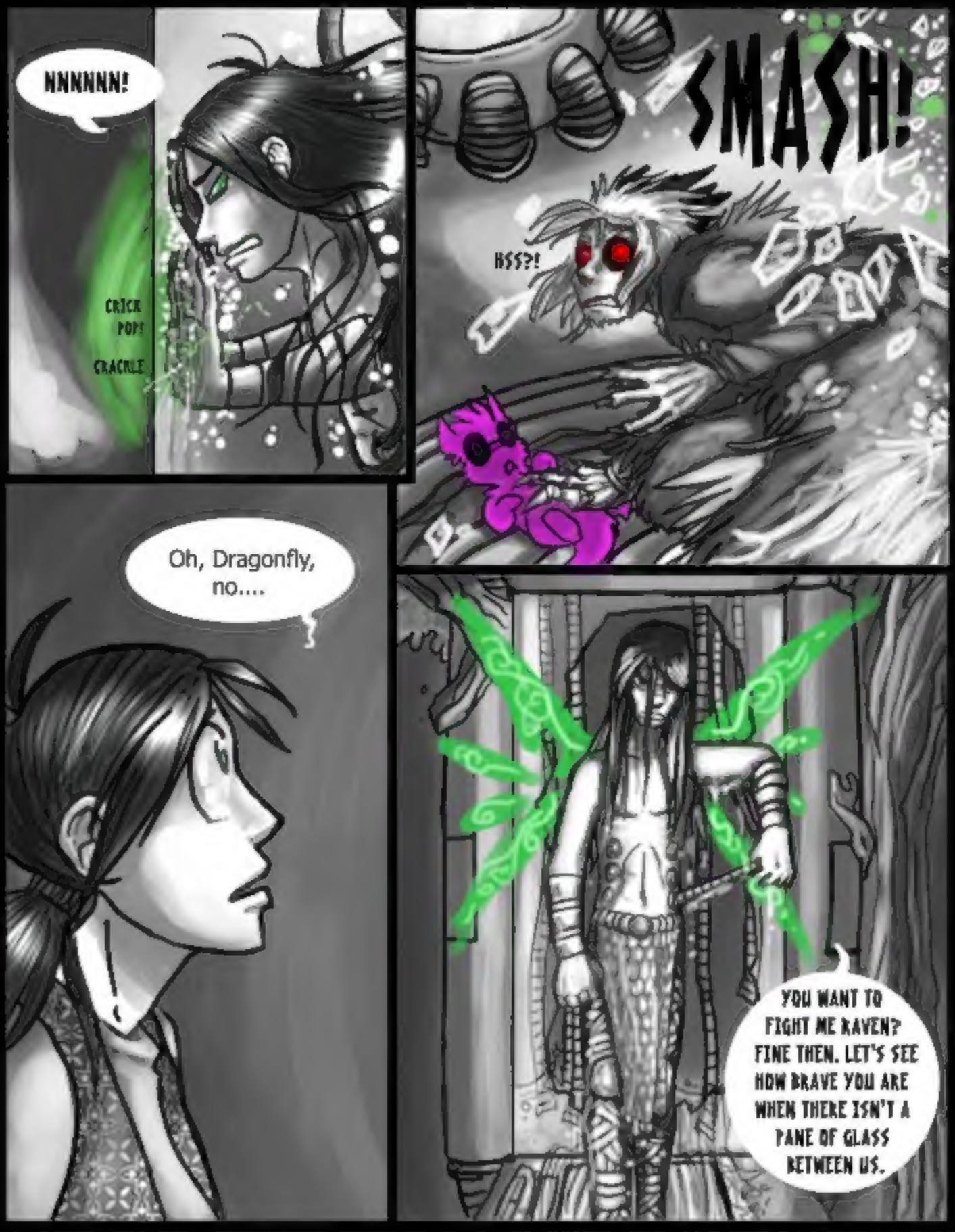

AND YOU. THE 'TRAITOR' RAVEN, AS YOUR BROTHERS NOW CALL YOU.
SO WHAT IF I'M A TRAITOR? I'M NOT SORRY ABOUT IT!
AND YOU SHOULDN'T BE. I HAVEN'T SEEN A SPIRIT WITH AS MUCH PASSION AS YOU IN ALL MY LIFE. IT'S ALMOST HUMAN.
I... UH...
AND YOU SHOULDN'T BE SORRY ABOUT THAT EITHER. IT MAKES YOU DIFFERENT. IT MAKES YOU BETTER.
THERE WILL COME A TIME WHERE YOU MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN THE ONE YOU LOVE AND THE ONE WHO MADE YOU. YOU WILL CHOOSE THE LATTER.
WHAT?! NO! I WOULD NEVER DO THAT, I WON'T-
YOU MUST!
IF YOU DON'T, EVERYTHING ELSE WILL FALL TO RUIN.
Raven, what was that about? All I heard was gibberish...
LEAVE HIM BE, CREDENZA. IT ISN'T YOUR PLACE TO KNOW.

AND WHAT DO YOU-
You've already given me so many gifts, I couldn't ask for more.
You gave me the necklace with your power, you guided us here to Tin Can, you helped me from the water... don't deny it, I know that was you.
BUT THERE MUST BE SOMETHING YOU WANT. A MEMORY, A NAME, A SOUND...
Is Uru still alive?
Why not come to the source for your answer, Credenza? Who better to know Uru's fate than me?
I can tell you what happened to Uru, if you'll simply step aside and let me kill The Raven's most hated enemy.

PLEASE SNOW, DON'T DO THIS. YOU CAN STILL FIGHT THE RAVEN!
Oh please, don't even bother. You must be truly desperate to even try and 'convert' me.
Frankly, your holier-than-thou lectures are really bor... *GURK!
THE DRAGONFLY! YOU FOUND HIM?! QUICK! GIVE ME CONTROL OF YOUR BODY, I HAVE UNFINISHED BUSINESS!
Not a chance! We had a deal, NO POSSESSIONS!
This body's MINE you crazy bird! I'll... gt... AUUUGGGHH!
(pant) (pant)
Uncle? Are you okay?
(pant) (wheeze)
I AM NOT YOUR UNCLE, BOY! I AM THE RAVEN!
AND NOW, I WILL FINALLY HAVE THE SATISFACTION OF RIPPING OUT THAT— THAT HUMAN'S WEAK LITTLE THROAT!

RAVEN, THERE WAS A TIME WHEN YOU DIDN'T NEED TO STEAL SOMEONE ELSE'S LEGS TO STAND BEFORE ME.
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT'S MEAN.
SO SPEAKS THE MAN IN THE JAR.
I CHOOSE TO KEEP MYSELF HERE SO THAT I CAN CONTINUE TO WATCH OVER THE ARCHIPELAGO AND PROTECT IT FROM YOU.
FACE IT DRAGONFLY, YOU DOOMED YOURSELF THE MOMENT YOU TOOK A MORTAL FORM. EVERYTHING THAT LIVES MUST EVENTUALLY DIE.
YOU WERE WILLING TO MAKE YOURSELF A BODY.
THAT WASN'T A BODY. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL TEMPLE OF FLESH AND METAL THROUGH WHICH I WOULD BRING ABOUT THE APOCALYPSE.
Blitz?
A TEMPLE? MORE LIKE A TRAIN WRECK! I WAS GLAD TO WATCH THAT THING CRASH TO THE GROUND.
*KSHHHH*
HSSSS!
YOUR BODY IS NO LESS DISGUSTING. KEPT ALIVE BY WIRES AND LIQUID. HOW QUICKLY WOULD YOU AGE IF I BROKE THIS GLASS?
Skreeeek.
HOW MUCH WOULD IT HURT?

CHOMP!
AH, YES... I'D NEARLY FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU.
NYAR NYAR NYAR
Squeak!
YOU CANNOT PROTECT DRAGONFLY FROM WHAT IS TO COME. IT IS FATED THAT I SHALL WIN AGAINST HIM, JUST AS DEATH ALWAYS SWALLOWS UP LIFE.
I WILL KILL HIM. BUT BUSINESS FIRST. YOUR SOUL BELONGS TO ME NOW.


NNNNNN!
CRICK
POP!
CRACKLE
SMASH!
HSS?!
Oh, Dragonfly, no....
YOU WANT TO FIGHT ME RAVEN? FINE THEN. LET'S SEE HOW BRAVE YOU ARE WHEN THERE ISN'T A PANE OF GLASS BETWEEN US.